

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | § | |
| Pierre M. Ham, et al. | § | |
| | § | Group Art Unit: 1764 |
| Serial No.: 09/522,118 | § | |
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| Confirmation No.: 2881 | § | Examiner: Jennifer A. Leung |
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| Filed: March 9, 2000 | § | |
| | § | Customer No. 36735 |
| For: PLURAL CONDUIT | § | |
| REPLACEABLE OUTER | § | |
| SUPPORT STRUCTURE | § | |
| FOR RADIAL FLOW | § | |
| SYSTEM | § | |

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

DATED OCTOBER 18, 2006

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 18, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 18, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.